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INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT ISSUES

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: August 10, 1998
Meeting Time: 10:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., Room 233
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 1

Members Present: Sen. Murray Clark, Chair; Sen. Joseph Zakas; Sen. Allie Craycraft; Rep. Sheila Klinker; Rep. Ben GiaQuinta; Rep. Robert Alderman; Rep. Dean Mock; Rep. William Ruppel.

Members Absent: Sen. Sue Landske; Sen. Joseph O'Day; Sen. Katie Wolf; Rep. Vern Tincher.

Senator Clark, Chair, called the meeting to order. Senator Clark stated that Legislative Council Resolution 2-98 assigned the following topics to the Interim Study Committee on Local Government Issues:

- (1) state and local property lines (HR 22-1998);
- (2) volunteer firefighter and emergency issues including:
 - (A) the recodification of firefighter and emergency services statute;
 - (B) disability insurance and payments for volunteer firefighters (HR 76-1998); and
 - (C) the interest rate on the Firefighting and Emergency Equipment Revolving Loan Fund (HR 76-1998);

and

- (3) public-private transportation agreements to acquire, construct, improve, maintain, or operate a public transportation facility (HB 1247-1997).

Senator Clark stated that at the first meeting the Interim Study Committee would focus on the issues of state and local property lines and the Firefighting and Emergency Equipment Revolving Loan Fund. The remaining issues would be addressed at future meetings.

State and Local Property Lines

Representative Foley stated that current law does not prevent the state or political subdivisions from changing boundary lines including those boundary lines adjoining privately-owned property. Representative Foley stated that he is concerned that the state and political subdivisions can change property lines without notifying potentially impacted property owners. This concern was the impetus for

HR 22-1998. Representative Foley stated that PD 3083¹ could be a solution to his concern. PD 3083 provides that if the state or a political subdivision establishes and monuments or defines a property line for more than 10 years, the state or political subdivision may not later establish and monument or define the property line without the consent of the owners of property adjoining the property line.

Mr. Matt Brooks, Association of Indiana Counties, Mr. Steve Murray, Director, Tippecanoe County Highway, and Ms. Jo Angela Woods, Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, stated their concerns with PD 3083.

The Interim Study Committee members discussed PD 3083. Senator Clark suggested that members of the Committee and interested parties review the proposed language in PD 3083 and contact Legislative Services Agency with any comments regarding PD 3083. Senator Clark stated that PD 3083 will be revisited at the next meeting.

Firefighting and Emergency Equipment Revolving Loan Fund

Mr. Tracy Boatwright, State Fire Marshal, provided Committee members with information on the Firefighting and Emergency Equipment Revolving Loan Fund.² Mr. Boatwright also provided Committee members with information on the status of the Firefighting and Emergency Equipment Revolving Loan Fund.³ Mr. Boatwright stated that there are four different loans available to volunteer firefighting companies and that there appears to be confusion as to where a volunteer firefighting company should go to apply for a loan.

Following committee discussion, Senator Clark requested that Legislative Services Agency staff provide the members with information on the statutory reference and background information on the four loan programs that are currently available for volunteer firefighting companies.

Next Meeting Date and Proposed Agenda

Senator Clark stated that the next meeting of the Interim Study Committee on Local Government Issues will be Wednesday, September 23, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. Senator Clark stated that the issues of state and local property lines and the Firefighting and Emergency Equipment Revolving Loan Fund will be revisited. He also stated that the issues of recodifying firefighter and emergency services statute and disability insurance and payments for volunteer firefighters (HR 76-1998) will also be discussed.

With there being no further business, Senator Clark adjourned the meeting.

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²See Footnote 1.

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